

Minutes

Asheville City Council - Public Safety Committee
September 11, 2007 – 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
Fourth Floor Municipal Building Training Room
“Operationally Aware – Policy Focused”

Present: Council Members: Dr. Carl Mumpower, Chair; Jan Davis
Staff: Jeff Richardson, William Hogan, Greg Grayson, Gary Cornett,
Scott Burnette, Ken Putnam, Curt Euler

- **Approval of August Minutes**
 - The committee by consensus approved the August meeting minutes.
- **DSU/Patrol/Housing Authority Monthly Report**
 - Fiscal and calendar year reports were submitted and committee prefers the fiscal year version.
 - Committee endorses the posting of this report including arrestees' names on the City website.
 - Regarding a question about meeting citizen expectations, a formal city-wide survey of satisfaction with service delivery is being planned through the City Manager's office to be implemented during the first quarter of 2008.
 - Police will be creating a quarterly report for Council on drug investigation activities.
- **Progress of 911 PSAP Joint Communications Center**
 - A task team of APD, EOC and the Sheriff's office staff is being created to bring combined 911 center users together to help determine operational needs.
 - Key staff are currently working on formulating the operational agreement and intend to have that agreement in place before the end of calendar year 2007.
 - The County Sheriff is very committed to this combined, collaborative effort.
- **City Traffic Signal Preemption Synchronization**
 - Handout provided by Ken Putnam.
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved to submit this issue to Council as an agenda item to seek funding from NCDOT to upgrade traffic signalization in Asheville.
- **Civic Center Concert Action Plan**
 - Personnel from Civic Center, Police, as well as Engineering and Transportation meet regularly regarding this issue.
 - Civic Center has been asked to look to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office for additional coverage during Widespread Panic on 10/31/07.
 - The promoter is responsible for security. Security is usually placed at the door and surrounding areas. Police also patrol surrounding areas to provide crowd and drug control. The committee discussed that more could be done with drug issues at the Civic Center.

- This item will be included on the agenda for the next committee meeting. The acting director of the Civic Center will be asked to attend and speak on this issue.
- **Civil Penalty Options with Prostitution/Ban on Sex Offenders in Parks**
 - Curt Euler needs further direction from the Committee.
 - The Charlotte model is cumbersome for Asheville's needs.
 - The Committee supports advertising arrests on television.
 - It was suggested that pictures of arrestees be placed on a drug poster insert in the newspaper.
 - It was suggested that letters be sent to individuals stating that their vehicles had been seen in known drug or prostitution areas.
 - This item will be placed at the bottom of the agenda for next meeting.
- **Police Advisory Committee**
 - This item was continued and will be placed at the top of the agenda for next meeting.
- **Public Comment**
 - No public comment.
- **Meeting Adjournment**
 - The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.
- **Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday, October 2, 2007 – 7:00 am to 8:00 am
- **Tentative Agenda for Tuesday, October 2, 2007**
 - The committee asked that the following items be placed on next month's agenda:
 - Approval of September committee minutes
 - Police Advisory Committee
 - DSU/Patrol/Housing Authority Monthly Report (recurring monthly agenda item)
 - Review of Progress 911 PSAP Joint Communications Center (recurring monthly agenda item)
 - Civic Center Concert Action Plan
 - Civil Penalty Options with Prostitution – Council Policy Initiative
 - Ban on Sex Offenders in Parks
 - Public Comment
- **Future Agenda Items**
 - Adult Bookstores
 - Strategies for strengthening relations with court systems
 - Update on Pursuit Policy Changes